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Case: SO2025293

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On 06/25/2020 at approximately 2:32 am a Rock County Sheriff Deputy observed a vehicle fail to stop for the stop sign on S Oakhill Ave at W Highway 11 Bypass. The vehicle was seen traveling at a low rate of speed and swerving in the lane of traffic. The Deputy attempted to stop the vehicle at which time it fled at a high rate of speed. The vehicle was pursued due to the belief the driver may be intoxicated and posed a danger to the public. The vehicle continued west on W Highway 11 Bypass traveling in the opposite lane of traffic and fluctuated speeds. During this time it appeared the driver was throwing items out the window. As the vehicle approached County Highway WC the vehicle increased speeds and failed to stop for the stop sign on W Highway 11 Bypass at County Highway WC. The vehicle continued approximately 100 yards north into a cornfield where it overturned at least two times.

The driver fled the vehicle and was found in the tree line to the northeast of the crash location. The driver was later identified as a 15 year old juvenile male. The juvenile was transported to Mercy ER where he was treated and released for non-life threatening injuries. No signs of impairment were observed. The juvenile was taken into custody for felony fleeing and will also receive traffic citations. The juvenile was transported to the Rock County Youth Services Center to be held for court.

"Pursuant to the directive of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, as found in Supreme Court Rule 20:3.6, Trial Publicity, you are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty."

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